

IMPORTANT NOTICE

September 22, 2004

Dear WIC Vendor:

In October your stores will receive a supply of the 2004 WIC Authorized Foods List. During the transition to the new list, we request that you honor both the 2003 and 2004 lists. **The effective end date for the transition to the new foods list will be January 1, 2005.** This will allow us time to ensure that all WIC Participants have received the new list. **After that date, WIC customers may purchase only those foods found on the October 2004 Authorized Foods List.** Some of the changes are as follows:

- ***Milk will be allowed only in gallons unless indicated on the WIC check. Store brands of milk must be purchased when available.***
- ***Brown eggs are no longer allowed. Store brand eggs must be purchased when available.***
- ***Deli sliced cheese is no longer allowed. Cheese will be limited to one package 12 – 16 ounces in weight.***
- ***Kellogg's Frosted mini-wheats and General Mills Total cereals are no longer allowed. Malt-O-Meal brand, Richfood, Safeway, Giant, and IGA store brands of frosted mini wheats have been added.***
- ***Only Chunk light tuna may be purchased.***

The cover of the new Authorized Foods List is slightly different in appearance for immediate distinction between last years' list. After January 1, 2005, only the Authorized Foods List dated October 2004 can be used. **If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or call us toll free at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942).**

Sincerely,

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cc: Local WIC Agencies